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SELECTED POETRY.

The Prayer-Seeker.

Along the sisle where prayer was made, A woman, all in black arrayed, Close-veiled, between the kneeling host, With gliding motion of a ghost, Passed to the desk and laid thereon A scroll which bore these words alone-"Pray for me!"

Back from the place of worshipping She glided, like a guilty thing ; The rustle of her draperies, stirred By hurrying feet, alone was heard; While, full of awe, the prescher read, As out into the dark she sped :

" Pray for me !" Back to the night from whence she came. To unimagined grief or shame! Across the threshold of that door None knew the burden that she bore Alone she left the written scroll : The legend of a troubled soul-

"Pray for me!" Glide on, poor ghost of war or sin! Thou leav'st a common need within ; Each bears, like thee, some nameless weight Someonisory inacticulate. Some secret sin, some shrouled dead Some household sorrow all unsaid,

"Pray for me !" Pass on! The type of all thou art, Sad witness to the common heart ! With face in veil and seal on lip, In mute and strange companiouship Like thee we wander to and fro.

Dumbly imploring as we go, "Pray for me !" Ah, who shall pray, since he who pleads Our want, perchance hath greater needs? Yet they who make their loss the gain Of others shall not ask in vain.

And heaven bends low to hear the power Of love from lips of self-despair : "Pray for me I" In vain remorse and fear and hate Beat with bruised hands against a fate Whose walls of iron only move

And open to the touch of love ; He only feels his burden fall Who, taught by suffering, pities all. " Pray for me !" He prayeth best who leaves unguessed The mystery of another's breast ;

Why cheeks grow pale, why eyes o'erflow, Or heads are white, thou need'st not know Enough to note, by many a sign That every heart buth needs like thine. -John G. Whittier.

Miscellaneous Items.

Ir is not a misfortune for a young lady to loss her name if a young man gives her a better one. Man should not think too much of themselves, and yet a man should be careful not to forget

Is proof of the assertion that cattle will stray into strange places, we have seen a cow hide in a shoemaker's shop. .. Does poultry pay? " asked a stranger of a Sugar Factors and Commission Agents, city dealer. "Of course" was the reply; "even

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Nor Worth Much: An old hat belonging to Napoleon I. was recently advertised for sale in Paris. We shouldn't think it would bring much, as the Nap and the Crown are gone.

Tommy : " Oh, gran'pa dear, I've been counting up what my Christmas presents will cost. and it just comes to ten shillings. I've saved up one and sevenpence. Can you advise me where

to get the rest? " Everything is as regular as clockwork about my house," said Brown, who was showing the splendors of his new resedince to some of his

friends. "Yes," said Fogg, " it is tick, tick all the time, I suppose. Ax elderly Scotchwoman went one day to an apothecary's shop with a prescription for two

grains of calomel for a shild. Seeing the druggist weigh the medicine with scrupulous exactness, and not thinking he did this from anxiety not to get an overdose, but from his penuriousness or desire to give as little as possible for the money, she said, " Dinna be sae wi' it, man. It's for a pair faitherless bairn." "Sir." began a creditor who met one of his victims on Grand-street recently, " I sent you a bill in June." "Yes, sir." "And again in

September." "Yes, sir." "And presume you

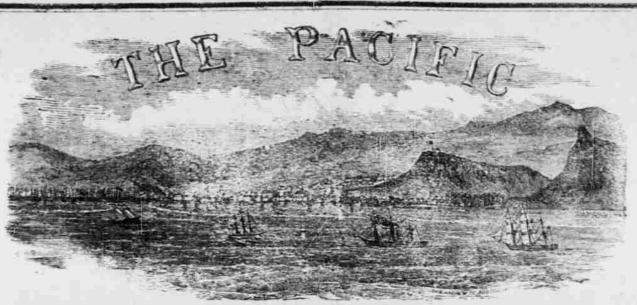
received one the other day? "I did sir." Well, sir-well, sir ! " flustered the creditor. " Well, you needn't feel so stuck up over it," replied the other, as he lighted a twenty-cent cigar. There are firms in this town who send me bills every two weeks in the year, and they never stop me on the street to brag about it, either ! I detest such egotism, sir! Good morning." A Roper Yarn. It is doubtful whether there was a happier

man in all America yesterday than Captain Alfred Roper of the ocean tramp Anjer

Head. In the morning Judge Hoffman gave always on hand.

N. E. Corner of Fort and Merchant Streets. jan181 his decision in the matter of the unlawfully the prosecuted skipper and elated him beyond bounds. In the afternoon he appeared MERCHANT TAILOR. 38 FORT ST. NEW OPENING!! Mrs. Thomas Lack. MINIATURE TO LIFE SIZE! at the Custom-house to take out his clearance papers. Assistant Surveyor Brown and Pack Kwai were absent on the mail GROCER AND PROVISION DEALER. dock, and Captain Roper was therefore spared the annoyance of meeting them in this the happiest moment of his life. The necessary documents were obtained with all possible dispatch. Every clerk and officer who had the good fortune of handling them smiled sweetly upon the happy Briton The naval officer was especially disposed to proffer everlasting friendship. Deputy Pattison signed his name with an extra flourish to the " P " on the Captain's bill of health; the cashier broke off in the middle of a column of additions to take a last look upon the rudy countenance of the NOTARY PUBLIC. happy man, and the office boy clambered upon a stool and stopped eating the flour paste. Captain Roper descended the stone steps of the Custom-house a thoroughly reconciled man. As he turned to shake hands with his broker, he heaved a great sigh of relief and, sniffing the fresh tradewind breeze which came howling down from the direction of the seawall, he walked off rapidly to his ship. There all was bustle and activity.—S. F. Chronicle, Aug 2. dmy1

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